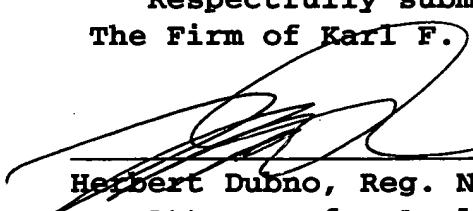


REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted, in view of the fact that allowable subject matter has been indicated to be present, in an earnest effort to bring the case to issue without delay.

Rejected claims 1 - 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 12 has been amended in a minor respect which will be obvious. No change in the scope of the claim has been made. Claim 16 has been made dependent upon allowable claim 12. Claims 12 - 15 and 17 - 20 as allowed remain in the case and claim 16 is dependent upon claim 12 which has been allowed. Thus only allowable claims 12 - 20 are in the case. Since this application is in condition for allowance an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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